Ayurveda Department and its working.

225. *Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any new scheme for the reorganisation and improvement of the Ayurveda department and its working?

Mr C. P. Gopala Panickar: No.

Grant-in-aid Siddha Vaidyasalas.

226. *Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of grant-in-aid Siddha Vaidyasalas in the State and what is the amount spent on that account;

(*b*) the number of other Siddha Vaidyasalas functioning in the state;

(*c*) whether any census of such Vaidyasalas and the number of patients treated in such Vaidyasalas have been taken, and if so, what is their number;

(*d*) whether any appointment of an Inspector to organise and supervise such Vaidyasalas was sanctioned and whether any appointment was made;

(*e*) what steps have been taken by them to encourage Siddha Vaidya system in Travancore;

(*f*) whether Siddha Vaidya system of treatment is being taught in Ayurvedic schools and Colleges in the State;

(*g*) the number of Siddha Vaidyan practitioners registered under A list.

(*h*) the number of such practitioners registered under B list, if not, why; and

(*i*) whether such lists are published till now, if not why?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panickar: (*a*) Eleven (including a grant-in-aid hospital)—Rs. 2,340 per annum.

(*b*) There is no definite information as no record is available regarding the number of non-recognised Vaidyasalas existing prior to the passing of the Medical Practitioners' Act and as the registration of Vaidyans under the said Act is not yet completed.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Siddha Vaidyasalas are awarded grants-in-aid.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) One. The registration of 27 other applicants under class A is under consideration.

(*h*) 558. Some applications are pending rectification of irregularities.

(*i*) The lists are published in the Gazette. Besides, individual intimation is also sent.

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